

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 15 and 16 as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising:
first check means for checking quality of an image to be formed;
second check means for checking a status of said image forming apparatus
using different criteria in accordance with a check by said first check means; and
determination means for performing permission determination of image
formation in accordance with a check by said second check means.
2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
first check means checks whether to form a high-quality image.
3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
second check means checks a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence
image formation.
4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
second check means checks the status of said image forming apparatus using different
criteria for at least one item of remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a
photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed
on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets
for forming an image.
5. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination
means determines whether to permit or inhibit image formation.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising display means for performing display output based on the determination by said determination means.

7. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising:
reception means for receiving an image;
first check means for checking an attribute of a received image;
second check means for checking a status of said image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check by said first check means; and
determination means for performing permission determination of image formation in accordance with a check by said second check means.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said first check means checks whether the received image is an image to be charged.

9. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said first check means checks whether the received image is an image requiring high-quality image formation.

10. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said second check means checks a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation.

11. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said second check means checks the status of said image forming apparatus using different

criteria for at least one item of remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets for forming an image.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising display means for performing display output based on the determination by said determination means.

13. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said display means causes a device which transmitted the received image to perform the display.

14. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising:
check means for checking an attribute of an image to be formed;
identification means for identifying a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation, using different criteria in accordance with a check by said check means; and

control means for selectively performing, in accordance with identification by said identification means, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting an image formation request.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a first check step of checking quality of an image to be formed;

a second check step of checking a status of the image forming apparatus ~~using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step; and~~

a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation in accordance with ~~a check in said second check step~~ whether the status of the image forming apparatus in said second check step is a predetermined status and whether the quality of an image in said first check step is a predetermined quality.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a reception step of receiving an image;

a first ~~[[a]]~~ check step of checking an attribute of a received image;

a second check step of checking a status of the image forming apparatus ~~using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step; and~~

a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation in accordance with ~~a check in said second check step~~ whether the status of the image forming apparatus in said second step is a predetermined status and whether the attribute of the received image in said first check step is a predetermined attribute.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

an identification step of identifying a state of the image forming apparatus which may influence image formation, using different criteria in accordance with a check in said check step; and

a control step of selectively performing, in accordance with an identification in said identification step, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and

accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting an image formation request.

18. (Previously Presented) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code for executing:

- a first a check step of checking quality of an image to be formed;
- a second check step of checking status of the image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step; and
- a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation in accordance with a check in said second check step.

19. (Previously Presented) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code for executing:

- a reception step of receiving an image;
- a first check step of checking an attribute of a received image;
- a second check step of checking a status of the image forming apparatus using different criteria in accordance with a check in said first check step; and
- a determination step of performing permission determination of image formation in accordance with a check in said second check step.

20. (Previously Presented) A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program code for executing:

a check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

an identification step of identifying a state of the image forming apparatus which may influence image formation, using different criteria in accordance with a check in said check step; and

a control step of selectively performing, in accordance with an identification in said identification step, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing a warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting an image formation request.